

Putnam Manufacturing Company Workers' Houses
305 Church Street (House)
Putnam
Windham County
Connecticut

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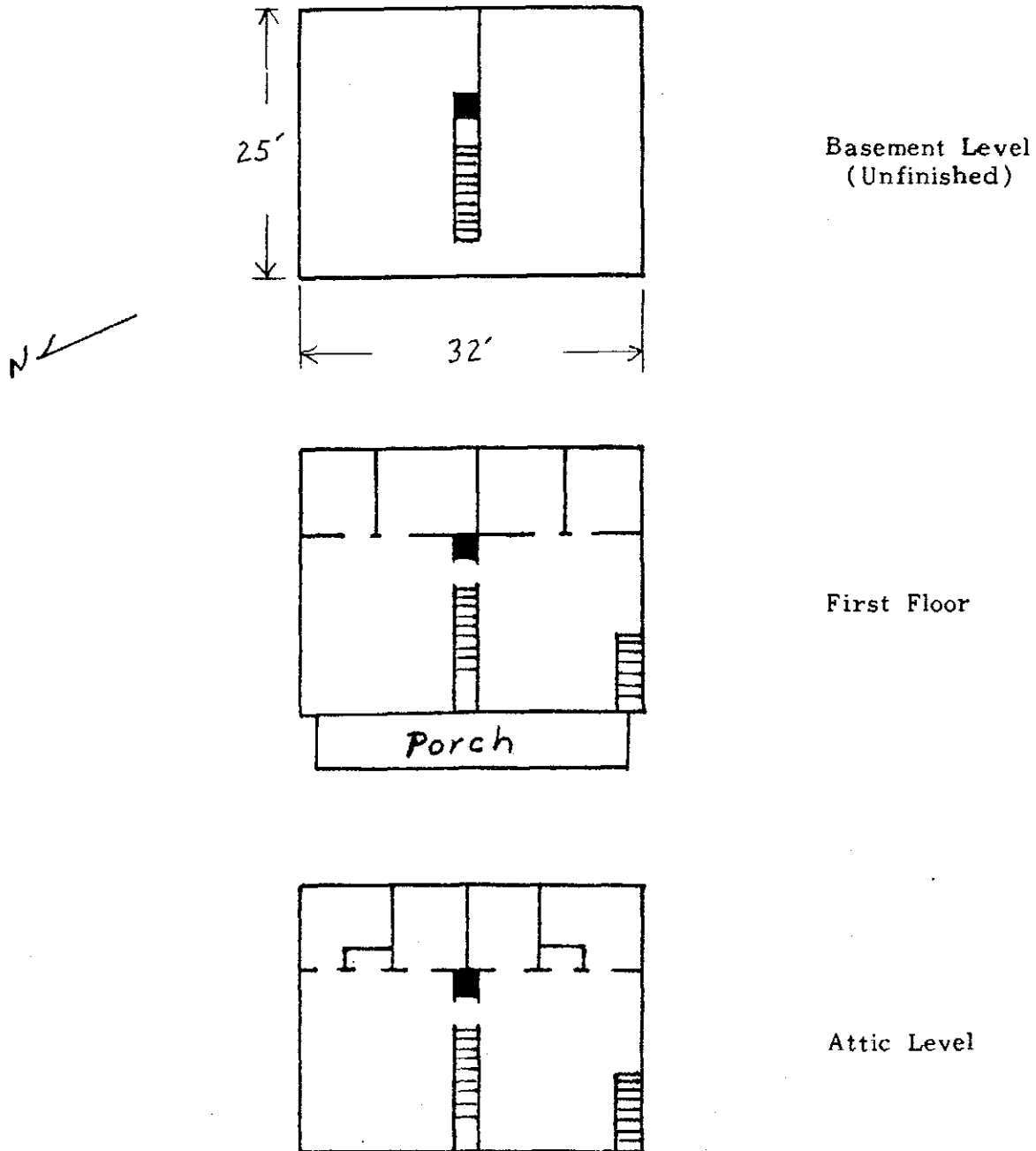
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE CONNECTICUT	COUNTY WINDHAM	TOWN OR VICINITY PUTNAM
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) PUTNAM MFG. CO. WORKERS' HOUSES (company which built or rebuilt them)		HABS NO. CT-361-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 305 Church Street (House)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 305 Church Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c.1847 (date mill was completed)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Significant as a typical c.1850 millworker tenement and for its associations with Putnam's leading 19th-century industry, the manufacture of cotton cloth. Probably built c.1847 by textile entrepreneur Hosea Ballou, later owned by Putnam Manufacturing Company.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Post-and-beam wood-frame construction (6"x6" corner posts), horizontal plank sheathing, clapboarded exterior. Brick central chimney. Asphalt-shingled roof. Common-rafter roof.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One-and-a-half stories in height. Rectangular plan, ridge of gable roof parallel to street, 32'x25'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Six-over-six 19th-century sash, plain-board surrounds. Partial return of cornice; pilasters at corners with molded capitals; frieze-effect formed from stepped boards. Four-bay facade with two entries in the center; small attic-story windows partly obscured by porch.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Plaster walls on sawn lath nailed to rough-sawn boards. Linoleum over oak flooring (narrow boards in front rooms, 6-8" original boards in rear). Plain post cases, window and door surrounds. Old four-panel doors. Modern ceiling. Front-room narrow beaded wainscot, c.1890.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES c.1865 - probably moved to site, with new chimney, rubble foundation. c.1890 - narrow-board wainscot, panel-and-glass front door. c.1920 - flat-roofed porch with square posts, solid rail, added across front.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant; to be demolished for redevelopment. Paint poor, glass broken, fire-damaged.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Does not appear on 1855 map, yet structural system and Greek Revival detailing suggest it was built earlier than the other houses in this row. Probably moved c.1865 from nearby Ballou Street when some of those houses were replaced by larger tenements.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See bibliography, Narrative Report.		
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SCHEMATIC OF FLOOR PLAN

Scale: 1/16" = 1'

Interior partitions not measured